



King County

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of the Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), Chapter 43.21 RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write **“do not know”** or **“does not apply.”** Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be a significant adverse impact.

Use of Checklist for Nonproject Proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered **“does not apply.”** In addition, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (PART D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words **“project,” “applicant,”** and **“property or site”** should be read as **“proposal,” “proposer,”** and **“affected geographic area,”** respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. *Name of the proposed project, if applicable:*

Taylor Mountain Forest – Parking Improvements

2. *Name of Applicant:*

**King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Parks and Recreation Division**

3. *Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:*

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4. *Date checklist prepared:*
April 3 2014
5. *Agency requesting checklist:*
King County DPER
6. *Proposed timing or schedule (include phasing, if applicable):*
Construction is planned for late summer 2014 and will be completed by the end of 2014
7. *Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.*
No
8. *List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.*
King County. (2003). Taylor Mountain Forest Stewardship Plan. Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Water and Land Division. Seattle, WA.
<http://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/2003/kcr1248/taylor-mountain-plan.pdf>
King County DNRP Water and Land Division, City of Seattle, Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources. (2004) Taylor Mountain Public Use Plan and Trails Assessment. Seattle, WA. <http://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/2004/KCR1632/taylor-mt-public-use-plan.pdf>
King County iMAP: Interactive Mapping Tool. 2012.
<http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/GIS/Maps/iMAP.aspx>
U.S. Fish and Wildlife. National Wetlands Inventory. 2013.
<http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Wetlands-Mapper.html>
9. *Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.*
No
10. *List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.*
Clearing and Grading Permit by King County DPER
11. *Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on*

this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on the project description.)

King County Parks and Recreation Division proposes to construct a trail head and parking lot at Taylor Mountain Forest. Taylor Mt. Forest site has 1,600 acres of forested land with over 20 miles of trails, east of Tiger Mountain and Hwy 18. The primary user group is equestrians, but the area also supports recreation from hikers and mountain bikers. The parking lot will be accessible from 276th Ave. SE. in Hobart, Washington. This project will construct a new lot for 30 vehicles, clearing and grading approximately 10,000 sf of area. It also will expand and formalize a clearing currently used for parking to create space for up to 25 rigs with horse trailers. This will involve clearing and grading an additional 37,000 square feet and renovating the existing 15,000 square feet of cleared and graveled area. There will be two ADA car spaces and one ADA horse trailer space provided in the lot. Trail head amenities that will be installed include a vault toilet, signage, kiosk, and hitching posts.

12. *Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity plan, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.*

The project is located at Taylor Mountain Forest just off of 276th SE Avenue in Hobart, Washington. The nearest cross street is SE 188th St. The project site is just south of Highway 18's Issaquah-Hobart intersection.

Thomas Guide Map 688, G2
Township 23 North, Range 7E, Section 31

Latitude: 47.430874
Longitude: -121.971803

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**1. Earth**

- a. General description of the site (underline one): flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other.

Existing parking that occurs in the old quarry site is flat, as well as the location of the proposed 30 car parking area. To expand the equestrian parking will require cutting a slope and moving this material to a depression to create a flat parking lot.

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

The site of the existing parking and the proposed car parking lot is flat. This area was excavated for gravel years ago, leaving 2:1 or 1:1 sides slopes along the east, south, and west boundaries of the area. The proposed project will move material from the east side of the old quarry site to create a flat parking lot.

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

The only soil found in the areas of the proposed parking lot sites is Everett gravelly sandy loam and stony sandy. (King County, 2003).

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

There is no erosion hazard or landslide potential known for this area (King County iMap, 2013; also Topography and Soil Map (Figure 2) in the Taylor Mountain Forest Stewardship Plan (King County, 2004).

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate the source of fill.

The site will be graded level. The hill slope to the east of the existing parking area will be graded and pushed into the depressional areas to the east and west to make flat surfaces. Approximately 21,000 sf. of material will be moved. Grading work will involve moving on-site materials from the hill slope to the depressions to create 47,000 square feet of flat area.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Erosion control measures, including delineation of clearing limits and placement of silt fences, will be in place on the project site prior to beginning the parking lot construction. Erosion could occur as a result of clearing and grading, but the site

will be monitored and best management practices will be implemented to prevent any potential erosion from leaving the site. Currently all rainfall infiltrates into the ground and it is expected that this will continue to occur with the larger parking area. Stormwater treatment and flow control will be provided for the parking lot.

- g. *About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?*

Taylor Mt. Forest is over 1,600 acres in size, so less than 1% of the site will be covered by impervious surface by the proposed parking lot and facilities. The total area for the proposed parking lot is about 47,000 square feet of impervious area. The vault toilet, and ADA parking spaces, which will be asphalted will cover 2,500 square feet.

- h. *Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:*

Silt fences, straw bales, plastic sheeting, and other best management practices will be used as necessary during construction to mitigate erosion impacts. BMPs used during construction will be in accordance with the current edition of the Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (Washington State Department of Ecology, 2005).

2. Air

- a. *What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (for example, dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities, if known.*

Dust from construction will be likely due to equipment moving dirt around to construct the parking lot. BMPs will be used to minimize and control dust during construction. The completed project will have no emissions.

- b. *Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.*

None known.

- c. *Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air, if any:*

Dust control measures, such as wetting exposed soils will be implemented as necessary during construction.

3. Water*a. Surface:*

- 1) *Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe the type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.*

Taylor Mt. Forest is located in the Issaquah Creek Basin. The closest stream to the proposed parking area is Holder Creek which is located approximately 340 feet north of the proposed parking area. The National Wetlands Inventory (USFWS, 2013) shows another wetland located 350 feet to the southeast of the proposed parking area. During our investigation, we observed a small depressional wetland located 130 ft north of the proposed parking lot.

- 2) *Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) these waters?*

A portion of the proposed parking lot will be constructed within 200 feet of the small depressional wetland to the north. This wetland is classified as a Category III wetland, which requires an 80 foot buffer. The closest area to the proposed parking area is over 130 feet, so this wetland will not be impacted by this development or any disturbance of the surrounding forest.

- 3) *Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that could be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.*

The nearby water bodies will not be affected by the grading and filling of the proposed parking area.

- 4) *Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities, if known.*

No

- 5) *Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.*

No

- 6) *Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.*

None

b. Ground:

- 1) *Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities, if known.*

No groundwater will be withdrawn, nor will water be discharged to groundwater.

- 2) *Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.*

No waste material will be discharged to groundwater.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 1) *Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.*

Approximately 47,000 additional square feet of impervious surface will be added to the site. This includes the gravel parking lot, asphalted ADA parking spaces and a vault toilet. Stormwater treatment and flow control will be provided for water leaving the new parking lot.

- 2) *Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.*

During the construction phase there could be leaks of fuel, hydraulic oil, or anti-freeze. Spill materials will be kept onsite and construction equipment will be inspected daily. There could be leaks of fuel, hydraulic oil, or antifreeze from vehicles using the parking lot. The runoff from the parking lots will be treated prior to infiltrating into the ground.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:*

Mitigation for stormwater treatment and flow control of water leaving the new parking area will be provided for the constructed parking lot on site.

4. Plants

- a. Check or underline types of vegetation found on the site:*

- ☒ Deciduous trees: Alder, big leaf maple
☒ Evergreen trees: Cedar, Douglas fir, hemlock
☒ Shrubs: Native and non-native blackberry, Indian plum, red elderberry, salmonberry

- ☒ Grass: Reed canary grass, other grasses
- ☐ Pasture
- ☐ Crop or grain
- ☐ Wet soil plants
- ☐ Water plants
- ☐ Other types of vegetation

Approximately one-third of the proposed parking area has already been cleared and graded. No vegetation is present in this portion of the site. There is a forested area surrounded by the entrance and exit roadways that will be cleared. This will require the removal of approximately 25 mature conifer trees. The proposed car parking lot to the west and the proposed rig and horse trailer area to the east, currently supports a recently planted forest after a harvest in the area about 7 years ago. Young planted Douglas fir and cedar are approximately 10 to 12 feet in height. While there are depressions in this area, they have been checked for wetland characteristics and no hydrology or hydric soils have been observed. The mature forest to the west of the proposed area is characterized by upland trees and plants. The area is dominated by Douglas fir, but red alder, hemlock, big leaf maple, and cedar are also present. The stand is approximately 50 years old, in fair condition and is listed as a Forest Type 2 in the Taylor Mountain Forest Stewardship Plan. The stand density is high with a basal area of 182 sq ft per acre and 352 trees per acre and the mean stand diameter is less than 10 inches.

- b. *What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?*

A total of about 47,000 square feet of vegetation will be removed. Approximately 16,000 square feet is mature trees and shrubs, the remaining 31,000 square feet is recently planted young forest with lots of grasses and some shrubs. Deciduous and coniferous trees will need to be removed, including some alder, big leaf maple, cedar, Douglas fir and hemlock. The understory is made up of trailing blackberry, sword fern, thimbleberry, Indian plum, red elderberry and salmonberry. Non-natives include grasses and evergreen and Himalayan blackberries.

- c. *List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.*

None known.

- d. *Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:*

Disturbed area adjacent to the parking lot will be replanted with native tree and shrub species.

5. Animals

- a. *Check or underline any birds or animals that have been observed on or near the site, or are known to be on or near the site:*

- ☒ **Birds:** Numerous bird species are present at Taylor Mt. Forest. These include woodpeckers, sparrows, finches, crows, hawks and owls.
- ☒ **Mammals:** Black bear, cougar, deer, elk, raccoons, coyotes, long-tailed weasels, foxes, skunks, voles, chipmunks, rabbits, squirrels, and opossums all occur in the forested areas of Taylor Mt. Forest
- ☒ **Fish:** Coho, chinook, and sockeye salmon, and sea run and resident cutthroat trout occur in Holder Creek

Taylor Mountain Forest provides a variety of habitat functions, including its role as a refuge for a variety of wildlife populations and as a migratory corridor for birds and larger mobile species. Wildlife species that are generally absent from developed areas are present at Taylor Mountain Forest. Black bear and cougar are known to inhabit and den on the site and surrounding lands. Both use the site as part of a large foraging territory. Taylor Mountain Forest also supports medium and small mammals such as deer, elk, raccoons, coyotes, long-tailed weasels, foxes, skunks, voles, chipmunks, rabbits, squirrels, and opossums.

The surrounding mature coniferous stands provide habitat conditions for cavity nesting birds such as hairy woodpeckers, pileated woodpeckers, brown creepers and western screech owls. These habitats are not available in the recently harvested areas where suitable nesting trees have been removed.

The diversity of wetlands, seeps and streams on the 1,600 acres, together with forested upland habitat, provide for a variety of amphibian species, including salamanders, frogs and toads. Eight species have been observed at Taylor Mountain Forest.

Holder Creek is considered a Type F Aquatic Area with salmonids, as defined in the King County Critical Areas Ordinance (King County Code Chapter 21A.24) and provides high quality spawning and rearing habitat for five species of salmonids (coho, chinook, sockeye, sea run and resident cutthroat trout) (King County Department of Natural Resources, 1996).

- b. *List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.*

Chinook salmon, are listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. Chinook occur in both Holder and Carey Creeks that flow through Taylor Mt. Forest. The closest stream is Holder Creek, which is over 340 feet from the proposed project. The bald eagle is listed as a wildlife species of concern. While no bald eagles are known to nest or winter roost on the property, they are observed overhead

occasional. It is unlikely that other listed wildlife species such as the marbled murrelet, northern spotted owl and peregrine falcons will be found on site due to the lack of adequate habitat. Several priority species of local importance, as identified in the King County Comprehensive Plan (2000), are present on the property, including the red-tailed hawk, pileated woodpecker, band-tailed pigeon, beaver, Columbia black-tailed deer and elk. Also, present is the bald eagle and western toad (*Bufo boreas*), which is listed as a species of concern by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (King County, 2003).

- c. *Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.*

Taylor Mountain Forest provides an obvious and crucial connection between the City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed, Tiger Mountain State Forest, and the neighboring forest lands. Both the Holder and Carey Creek corridors have been identified as part of the wildlife habitat network in the comprehensive plan. Since the proposed parking lot is adjacent to 276th Ave SE, and is cleared of vegetation or is young recently harvested forest it should not impact the wildlife network that is provided by the Taylor Mountain Forest along the stream corridors.

- d. *Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:*

There will be a loss of 47,000 square feet of vegetation from development of the parking lot. The surrounding 1,600 acres of wildlife habitat provided by Taylor Mountain Forest will continue to be preserved and protected. The location of the proposed parking area adjacent to 276th Ave SE and the choice to construct the project in disturbed plant communities significantly reduces the chances of impacting wildlife.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. *What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.*

The finished project will require no energy.

- b. *Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.*

No

- c. *What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:*

None

7. Environmental Health

- a. *Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.*

Yes, construction equipment could leak fuel, hydraulic oil, or antifreeze. There could be leaks of gasoline, fuel, or antifreeze from vehicles using the parking lots. Stormwater treatment will be provided for water leaving the new parking lot.

- 1) *Describe special emergency services that might be required.*

None

- 2) *Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:*

During the construction phase, equipment will be inspected daily for leaks. An emergency spill kit will be kept onsite. The construction equipment will use biodegradable hydraulic fluid.

- b. *Noise:*

- 1) *What types of noise exist in the area that may affect your project (for example, traffic, equipment, operation, other)?*

None, the proposed project is located near 276th Ave E and Highway 18.

- 2) *What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example, traffic construction, equipment operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.*

Short Term - Noise will be generated from construction equipment. The construction phase is expected to last several weeks. Construction activities will be limited between the hours of 7 am to 4 pm.

Long Term - Noise will be generated by cars and rigs with horse trailers using the parking lot. The parking lot will only be open from daylight to dusk, with no noise generated during the night.

- 3) *Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:*

Construction activities will be limited from 7 am to 4 pm. The parking lot hours will be from daylight to dusk. There are no residences or businesses near the project site reducing the risk of noise impacting the neighborhood. The proposed project is located near 276th Ave SE and Highway 18, both roadways generate significantly more traffic noise than the proposed parking lot.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. *What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?*

The site is currently being used as a parking area for passive recreation by equestrians, hikers, and mountain bikers. As addressed in the Public Use Plan (King County, 2004), equestrians are identified as the primary users of Taylor Mountain. Taylor Mt. Forest is categorized as a "working forest" and is managed for the multiple public benefits of forestry, protection of ecological resources, and low-impact recreation. The area is part of the Issaquah Alps and connected to Tiger Mt. on the northwest and Rattlesnake Ridge to the west.

- b. *Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.*
No

- c. *Describe any structures on the site.*
None

- d. *Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?*
N/A

- e. *What is the current zoning classification of the site?*

Forestry. In March 2006, before the area was harvested, a Taylor Mt. Conversion Option Harvest Plan was completed and permitted to allow conversion of this area to a parking lot. This area is also identified in the Taylor Mt. Forest Stewardship Plan as an area for a parking lot (King County, 2003).

- f. *What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?*

Rural Area

- g. *If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?*

Not Applicable

- h. *Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.*

No

- i. *Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?*

Park staff will visit the site during routine park inspections and for litter removal and vault toilet cleaning.

- j. *Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?*

None

- k. *Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:*

Not Applicable

- l. *Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:*

The purpose of the Taylor Mountain Forest is to a) conserve, protect and restore the natural resources inherent in the land and water; b) restore the health and diversity of the forest, and to demonstrate environmentally-sound forest management and the importance of conservation of the county's forestland; and c) provide educational and passive recreational opportunities for the public, while preserving the site's ecological, wildlife and water quality values.

The installation of the parking lot will improve access for the general public to Taylor Mountain Forest. The site is used for passive recreation (equestrian hiking, and biking) and will continue with the same use after the parking lot is constructed. Equestrians are the primary user group of the site.

9. Housing

- a. *Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high-, middle-, or low-income housing.*

None

- b. *Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high-, middle-, or low-income housing.*

None

- c. *Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:*

N/A

10. Aesthetics

- a. *What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas? What is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?*

The tallest proposed structure is the vault toilet, which will be about 17 feet in height.

- b. *What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?*

No

- c. *Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:*

None

11. Light and Glare

- a. *What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? During what time of day would it mainly occur?*

None

- b. *Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?*

Cars traveling in the parking lot may use their lights while on site. The site will be open for daylight use only, which should reduce any light coming from the site.

- c. *What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?*

None

- d. *Describe proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any.*

None

12. Recreation

- a. *What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?*

Taylor Mountain Forest is a passive recreation site used by equestrians, hikers, and mountain bikers, with equestrians being the primary user group. There are 20 miles of existing trails on this site. This proposed project enhances recreational opportunities at the site by providing additional parking.

- b. *Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.*

No

- c. *Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:*

The proposed project should enhance recreational opportunities at the site by providing better access to the site and a vault toilet.

13. Historical and Cultural Preservation

- a. *Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.*

No historical, archeological, or cultural resources are known to occur in the proposed parking area according to the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the King County Historic Preservation Program. The history of the 1,600 acres is discussed for Taylor Mt. Forest in the Forest Stewardship Plan (2003) approved by WA State DNR.

- b. *Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historical, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.*

Taylor Mountain Forest is part of the history of Hobart. The most visible remnants from the past are the railroad grade, and large first-growth stumps with springboard notches left over from logging. The site was likely used by the Snoqualmie, Duwamish and Muckleshoot Indians for fishing, hunting and gathering and as a transportation link from Lake Sammamish to the Cedar River and across the Cascades.

- c. *Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:*

Generally, excavation is the primary mode of potential construction-related impacts to cultural resources. Parks staff have been trained regarding what to watch for. If any cultural or archaeological resources are uncovered or encountered during construction, work will cease immediately, and appropriate steps will be taken to protect those resources. The Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, the King County Historic Preservation

Program and affected tribal groups will be notified immediately, and an on-site inspection will be conducted by a professional archaeologist and other qualified resource professionals. A mitigation plan will be prepared prior to construction resuming at the site.

14. Transportation

- a. *Identify public streets and highways serving the site and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on-site plans, if any.*

The project is located at Taylor Mountain Forest just off of 276th SE Avenue in Hobart, Washington. The nearest cross street is SE 188th St. The project site is just south of Highway 18's Issaquah-Hobart intersection.

- b. *Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?*

No, the nearest bus stop is approximately 4 miles southwest of the project site along SR 169 and SE 216th Pl.

- c. *How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?*

The project would add a parking lot for 30 vehicles and would expand and formalize a parking lot for 25 rigs with horse trailers. No existing parking will be eliminated as a result of this project.

- d. *Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).*

No new roads or improvements to existing public roads will result from this proposal. The western existing gravel access road will be improved to provide access to the proposed gravel parking area.

- e. *Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.*

No

- f. *How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.*

The completed project will likely not generate a significantly greater number of additional vehicular trips to Taylor Mountain Forest. The site will provide a safe parking location for the existing passive recreation users.

- g. *Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:*

None are required.

15. Public Services

- a. *Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.*

No

- b. *Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any:*

None

16. Utilities

- a. *Underline utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.*

None

- b. *Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity that might be needed.*

None are proposed or needed. The vault toilet will be serviced by a pump truck.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature:

Tina Miller

Title:

Project Manager

Date Submitted:

4/3/14